

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2136 - HB 2467

February 13, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits a court in which a petition for grandparent visitation has been filed to consider any affidavits and documentation in opposition to conducting a hearing and the renewal of grandparent visitation, if the custodial parents file an answer to the petition within three days of being notified of the petition for grandparent visitation. Authorizes the court to deny the grandparents petition without a hearing, if probable cause is found to believe that custodial parents reside together and the decision to terminate the grandparent's visitation was mutual and joint and there is evidence at least one of the grandparents subjected one or more of the children to physical, emotional, or sexual abuse on more than one occasion.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will have no effect on programs or operations of the Department of Children's Services; any fiscal impact will be not significant.
- According to information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state trial, appellate, or juvenile courts.
- Any additional motions concerning default for failing to timely respond or concerning the probable cause conditions established for dismissal can be adjudicated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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